

Financial Aid at a Glance

There's more financial aid available than you might think – the U.S. Department of Education awards more than \$120 billion in aid every year, and a majority of college students nationwide receive some sort of financial aid to offset the cost of tuition and fees, books and supplies.

WCTC's Financial Aid Office can help you secure financial aid so you can focus on your studies instead of worrying about how to pay for school; however, it is essential that you follow the steps below.

Step 1 Apply and be admitted to a WCTC program

In order to be considered for financial aid you must be admitted to a financial aid eligible program. You must also be registered for courses that are required for the program you are currently admitted to.

Step 2 Complete the FAFSA online

Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov. This is the first step needed to apply for federal and state grants and loans. When applying, you must list WCTC's school code **005294**. You are encouraged to have the FAFSA completed by our priority deadline of April 1 for maximum grant opportunities.

The FAFSA asks income and asset information from students and parents. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) will use this information to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Once ED has processed your FAFSA, they will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR). You should thoroughly review your SAR to ensure that all of the information is correct.

Step 3 Complete Verification (if selected)

Approximately 30 percent of all applicants are randomly selected by ED for a process called verification. If you are selected, WCTC will notify you of additional documentation that you will be required to submit to the Financial Aid Office. Please respond quickly to avoid delays in processing your award information.

Step 4 View financial aid awards and accept student loans

Once you have completed the FAFSA (and verification process, if selected), we will use this information to determine what federal and state grants or loans you are eligible to receive. It may take 6-8 weeks to process your financial aid award. We will send a notification to your WCTC email when your financial aid award is listed on your myWCTCaccount.

If you accept a student loan as part of your financial aid award, you must complete and sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling. You may complete these steps by logging on to studentloans.gov.

Additional funds could be available to you when you apply for WCTC Foundation Scholarships.

Apply online at www.wctc.edu/scholarships.

Please visit www.wctc.edu/tuition for current tuition and fee information.